

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Russell Blaise on September 22, 2010.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please **AMEND** claims 1, 5, 9-10 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please **AMEND** claims 1, 5, 9-10 as follow:

1. (Currently Amended) A data communication system for sending and receiving e-mail between electronic devices by an e-mail system using a transmission control protocol/Internet protocol (TCP/IP) as a communication protocol, said data communication system comprising:

a transmitting electronic device including at least an e-mail sending and receiving function for attaching obtained original data to the e-mail, adding a processing command, and sending the e-mail to a network; and

a relay server for receiving the e-mail sent from said transmitting electronic device, processing the original data attached to the e-mail based on the added processing

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command, attaching the processed data to the e-mail, and sending the e-mail to a receiving electronic device,

wherein said processing command is added to the obtained original data at the time the obtained original data is obtained, and

wherein the processing command indicates an instruction for editing the attached obtained original data, and

wherein the processing command is described in text format and is predetermined by an agreement between said transmitting electronic device and said relay server, and

wherein a user specific custom tag and a unique processing command are predetermined ~~by an agreement~~ between the transmitting electronic device and the relay server,

wherein adding the user specific custom tag allows editing of the attached obtained original data which is unique to a user's request, and

wherein content of the user specific tag is predetermined between the transmitting electronic device and the relay server by exchanging information in advance of adding the user specific custom tag,

wherein said electronic devices comprise an image pick-up device for capturing still image data as the obtained original data;

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wherein the processing command comprises an editing command for editing the still image data.

5. (Currently Amended) A data communication method for sending and receiving e-mail between electronic devices by an e-mail system using a TCP/IP as a communication protocol, said data communication method comprising the steps of:

attaching original data obtained in a transmitting electronic device to the e-mail, adding a processing command, and sending the e-mail from said transmitting electronic device to a network;

receiving the e-mail sent from said transmitting electronic device by a relay server on said network, processing the original data attached to the e-mail based on the added processing command, attaching the processed data to the e-mail, and sending the e-mail to a receiving electronic device; and

adding said processing command to the obtained original data at the time the obtained original data is obtained, and

wherein the processing command indicates an instruction for editing the attached obtained original data, and

wherein the processing command is ~~commands are~~ described in text format and is predetermined by an agreement between said transmitting electronic device and said relay server, and

~~predetermining by an agreement~~ between the transmitting electronic device and the

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relay server-content of a user specific custom tag by exchanging information in advance of adding the user specific custom tag; and

processing the user specific custom tag to perform editing of the attached obtained original data which is unique to a user's request according to the predetermined content predetermined between the transmitting electronic device and the receiving electronic device,

wherein said electronic devices comprise an image pick-up device for capturing still image data as the obtained original data;

wherein the processing command comprises an editing command for editing the still image data.

9. (Currently Amended) An electronic device comprising:

an image pick-up device for capturing still image data as obtained original data;

a sending unit including an e-mail sending and receiving function for attaching

the obtained original data to the e-mail, and sending the e-mail to a server; and

an adding unit for adding a processing command to the e-mail,

wherein the processing command indicates an instruction for editing the attached obtained original data, and

wherein said processing command is added to the obtained original data at the time the obtained original data is obtained, and

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wherein the processing command indicates an instruction for editing the attached obtained original data, and

wherein the processing command is described in text format and is predetermined by an agreement between the transmitting electronic device and the relay server, and

~~wherein a user specific custom tag and a unique processing command are predetermined by an agreement between the transmitting electronic device and the relay server,~~

wherein a user specific custom tag and a unique processing command are predetermined between the electronic device and the server,

wherein adding the user specific custom tag allows editing of the attached obtained original data which is unique to a user's request, and

wherein content of the user specific tag is predetermined by an agreement between the electronic device and the server by exchanging information in advance of adding the user specific custom tag,

wherein the processing command comprises an editing command for editing the still image data.

10. (Currently Amended) A server comprising:

a receiving unit including an e-mail receiving function for receiving an e-mail sent from an electronic device, comprising attached obtained original data and a processing command; and

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a processor for processing the attached obtained original data as a function of the processing command and attaching the processed data to the e-mail, and sending the e-mail to a receiving electronic device,

wherein said processing command is added to the obtained original data at the time the obtained original data is obtained, and

wherein the processing command indicates an instruction for editing the attached obtained original data, and

wherein the processing command is described in text format and is predetermined by an agreement between the transmitting electronic device and the relay server, and

wherein a user specific custom tag and a unique processing command are predetermined ~~by an agreement~~ between the electronic device and the server,

wherein adding the user specific custom tag allows editing of the attached obtained original data which is unique to a user's request, and

wherein content of the user specific custom tag is predetermined by an agreement between the electronic device and the server by exchanging information in advance of adding the user specific custom tag,

wherein said electronic device comprises an image pick-up device for capturing still image data as the obtained original data;

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wherein the processing command comprises an editing command for editing the still image data.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 4-5, 8-10 are allowed in view of the cited prior art of record and the prosecution history of the instant application, from which the reasons for allowance are clear.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BARBARA N. BURGESS whose telephone number is (571)272-3996. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00am-4:00pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571) 272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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